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I wish to take the occasion of your detachment from CIA for important duties with the Navy to commend you for your outstanding performance of duty as Executive of this Agency during your entire tour from 12 May 1947 to 1 June 1949.

You joined CIA in the initial stages of its development at a critical time. The force and energy you have devoted to the problems of organization and coordination, and the tact and good judgment you have demonstrated in meeting and solving the many vexing problems of administration have played a large part in the successful build up of the Agency and the effective accomplishment of its mission.

You may enter your new assignment with a sense of complete satisfaction in leaving a job well done in a superior manner in every respect.

I personally and the many other friends you have made in CIA will miss you, and each of us wishes you every continued success in the future.

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Sincerely,

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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